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Commanding General to hold media opportunity

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, will hold a media opportunity following his presentation at the Association of the United States Army Winter Symposium on February 17 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The media opportunity will be held in room 318 and will begin at 10:30 a.m., immediately following his presentation in the Floridian Ballroom, which begins at 9:30 a.m.

During his presentation, Griffin will share his thoughts on AMC – where it is today and what is in store for its future. Specifically, he will discuss the Life Cycle Management Commands, research and development issues, and incorporating lessons learned from the Warfighter into the lab, schoolhouse and the production facility.

Griffin assumed command of AMC last fall, at its headquarters on Fort Belvoir, Va. AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness – technology, acquisition support, materiel development, logistics power projection, and sustainment – to the total force. The command's complex missions range from development of sophisticated weapon systems and cutting-edge research, to maintenance and distribution of spare parts. AMC operates the research, development and engineering centers, the Army Research Laboratory, depots, arsenals, ammunition plants, and other facilities, and maintains the Army's prepositioned stocks, both on land and afloat. The command is also the Department of Defense Executive Agent for chemical weapons stockpile and conventional ammunition.

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Beginning February 14, request media call Michelle McCaskill (703) 408-6882 or Tesia Williams (703) 517-1336 to confirm attendance and for additional information. Prior to that date, please use the phone number listed below.

